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February 16, 2016

TO: Dr. William E. Moritz, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Forest Resources Land Acquisition
Newberry Management Unit – Chippewa County
The Tandy Trust
Land Transaction Case #20150160

Purchase: 52 acres - \$255,000.00

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund – Public Act 7 of 2015,
Lake Superior Dune Swail Complex

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$497.69
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 52 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Chippewa County, Whitefish Township, T50N, R06W, Section 4:
As more particularly described in the case file.

Seller(s): Jean C. Tandy Trustee, Winchester, New Hampshire
Michelle Ryan, Marlborough, New Hampshire

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) March 1, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on March 8, 2016.

Management Purpose: Provide for working forest activities, recreational access to Lake Superior, enhanced wildlife habitat management and consolidation of state ownership. There are no management restrictions associated with the recommended funding source.

Comments: The Tandy Trust is adjacent to state forest on three sides and Lake Superior on the fourth side. The property contains approximately 1,020 feet of frontage along the Lake Superior shoreline and is located within a wooded dune swale complex. The Lake Superior beach contains habitat for the federally protected Piping Plover. In addition, the property contains habitat for moose, bear, bobcat, white-tailed deer, furbearing species and waterfowl. The parcel also contains frontage on Marsh Lake, which serves as a waterfowl stopover during migration across Lake Superior. Multiple public outdoor recreational opportunities

exist including hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing and snowmobiling, as approximately 500 feet of Snowmobile Trail #452 crosses a corner of the property.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goals of consolidating state ownership, securing wildlife habitat, enhancing forest management, and increasing public recreation opportunities.

Engagement: Chippewa County and Whitefish Township both support this acquisition.

Recommendation: (1) That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Lake Superior Dune Swale Complex Project #14-0272.

(2) That the property be dedicated as part of the Newberry Management Unit.



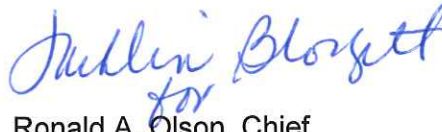
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I approve the staff recommendations.

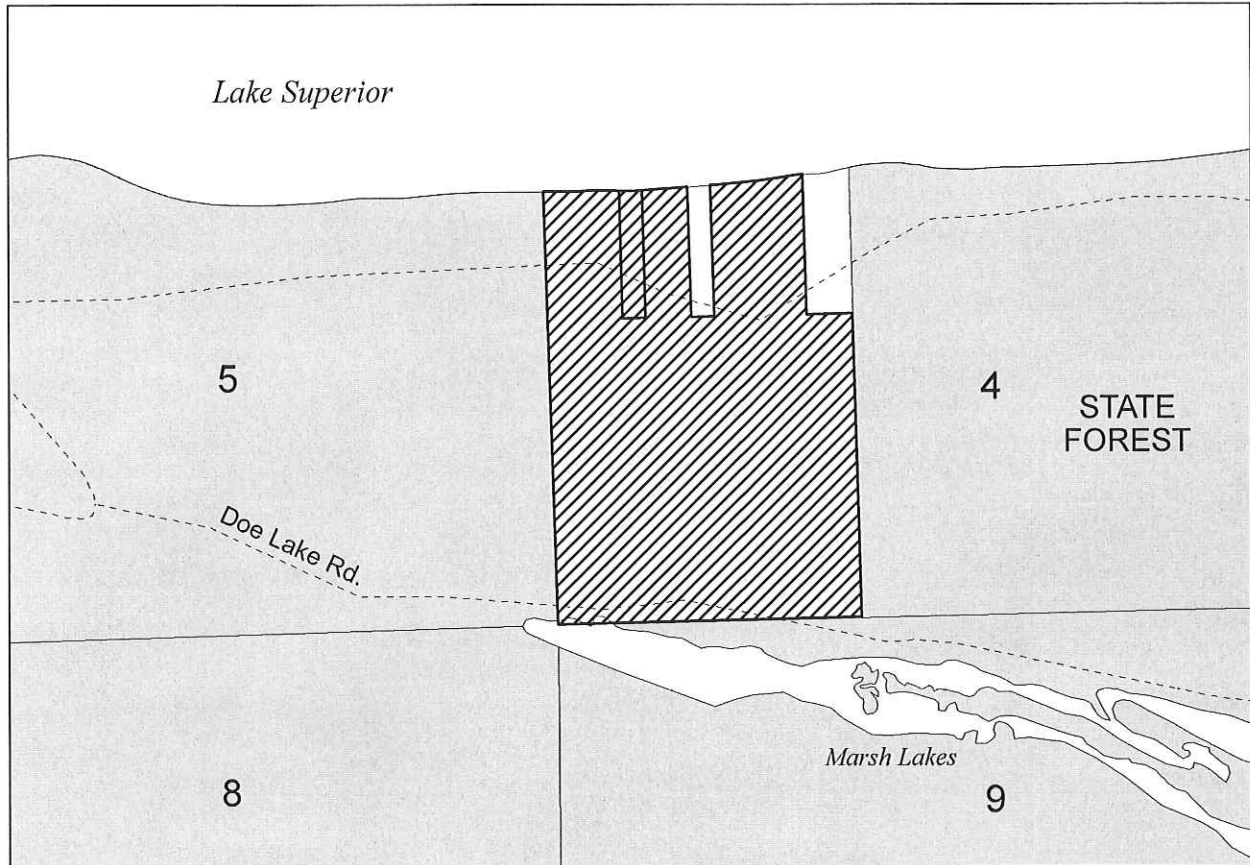
Dr. William E. Moritz
Director

Date Approved


FOREST RESOURCES LAND ACQUISITION

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Section 4, T50N, R06W, Whitefish Township

 Land to be acquired by DNR (52 acres, more or less)

 State land

 Private land

